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RESOLUTION NO. 48 -2010

EXPRESSING the strong opposition of Council to the proposal by the Department of Health and Human Services to exclude The Christ Hospital and its owner ("Christ Hospital") from participation in all Federal health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has proposed to exclude Christ Hospital from participating in all Federal health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, as a penalty for practices occurring between 1987 and 2004 that allegedly violated federal statutes; and

WHEREAS, Christ Hospital is integral to the economic health of the local community, employing 4,600 Greater Cincinnati residents; and

WHEREAS, Christ Hospital is also a significant provider of health care services in Greater Cincinnati, serving more than 215,000 patients a year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of the patients treated at Christ Hospital participate in either Medicare or Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, excluding Christ Hospital from all Federal health care programs, especially Medicaid and Medicare, would likely force the hospital to close; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Christ Hospital would detrimentally impact the local economy and limit access to health care services in Cincinnati, especially for many of the inner-city patients currently served there; and

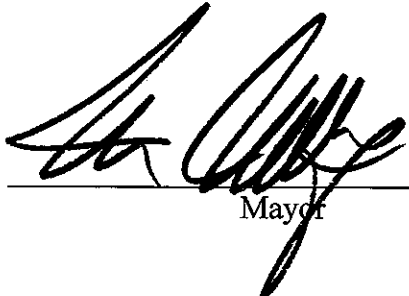
WHEREAS, the closure of Christ Hospital would further have devastating consequences for local workers and their families, who would face unemployment during a difficult economic climate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

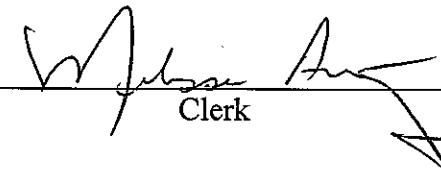
Section 1. That City Council expresses its strong opposition to the proposal by the Department of Health and Human Services to exclude The Christ Hospital and its owner ("Christ Hospital") from participation in all Federal health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be sent to The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201; Congressman Steve Driehaus; Senator Sherrod Brown; Catherine L. Hess, Senior Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Cohen Building, Room 5527, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 and Susan Croushore, President and CEO, The Christ Hospital, 2139 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Passed: June 30, 2010



Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Wendell Young